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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of
Senate Appropriations Committee--8 May 1972

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2. Present for all or part of the session were:

Allen J. Ellender (D., La.), Chairman
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)
Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine)

3. Present from the Committee staff was:

William Woodruff, Counsel

4. Accompanying Mr. Colby were:

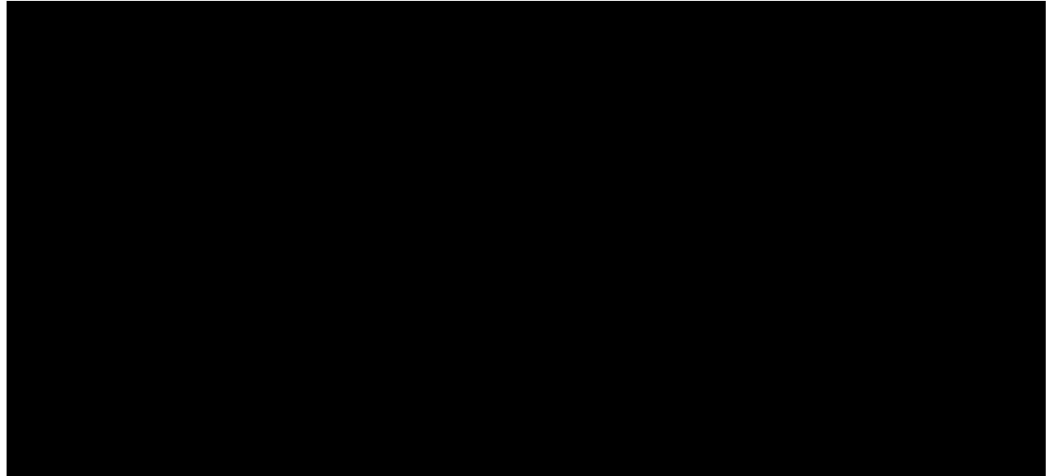
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5. At the outset there was a brief discussion of spending by the Agency and the Defense Department in Laos, and the Chairman commented CIA shouldn't be involved in paramilitary operations.

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6. Mr. Colby then began his prepared presentation which was interrupted with frequent questions and answers during which the following points were brought out:

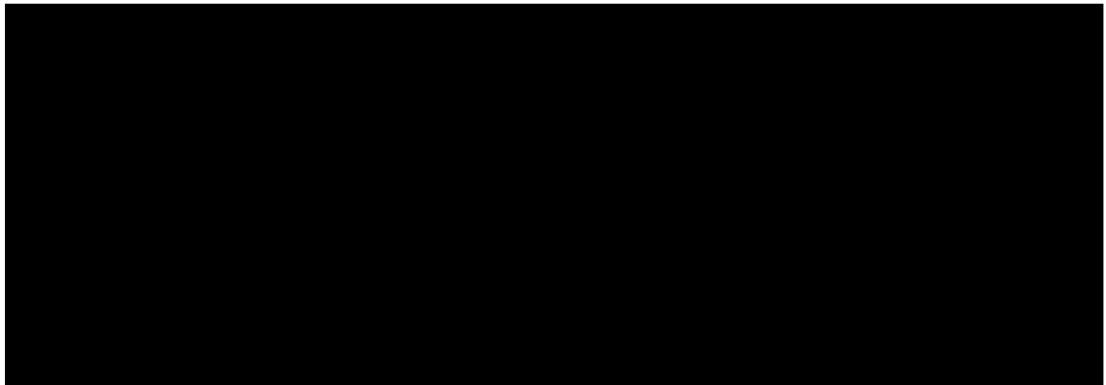
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b. Mr. Colby explained to Senator Young that we had stopped funding our Radios in 1971.

c. The Chairman wondered how we could get along with such a large and increasing amount spent on manpower. Mr. Colby replied that our intelligence operational programs were continuing at a fairly even level, to which the Chairman expressed satisfaction and said he hoped we could keep it that way.

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u. In response to a question by Senator Young, the Director said thus far the Communists seemed able to continue to provide modern weapons to their troops in South Vietnam. Senator Young commented this was surprising in view of the continued bombing, and he could not understand why the bombing was not more effective.

v. In reply to another question by Senator Young, the Director said we had for some time been reporting on the preparation of the current offensive. Senator Young commented that the Agency had been more accurate than anybody else. The Director said this had not made us popular.


7. Follow up action:

At the conclusion of the meeting, Senator Ellender said he would like a second world map like the one he has in his office on which he has plotted his various travels.

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